

BIDDLE BROTHERS ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Sudden Flight of the Pittsburgh Murderers Under Sentence of Death.

WIFE OF JAIL WARDEN IS ALSO MISSING

It Is Thought That the Warden's Wife Assisted the Prisoners in Making Their Escape—They Scaled Cell Bars, Shot One Guard and Hurled Another Over Balcony.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Jan. 30.—Edward and John Biddle, awaiting death in the county jail for the murder of Thomas D. Kane, a grocer, of Mount Washington, overpowered the guards at 4 o'clock this morning and escaped.

Warden Peter K. Soffel has made a report, in which he expressed the belief that his wife is responsible for the furnishing of revolvers and saw to the Biddles, which enabled them to escape. In her infatuation for the handsome desperado, Edward Biddle, it is alleged that she has left her husband and her four children and is supposed, as to meet the escaped murderers at a place agreed upon. Mrs. Soffel was the only person admitted to the jail since last Sunday. Yesterday afternoon she visited the condemned men in the warden's absence. Last evening, she fled at 9 o'clock. She told her husband that she was going to visit a sister at McDonald's early this morning. Warden Soffel was in the jail until after midnight. He went to his room shortly before 1 o'clock. When he awoke this morning he asked for Mrs. Soffel and was told that she was absent. Later, when the details of the escape became known, he telephoned to McDonald and was informed that Mrs. Soffel was not there. The warden immediately made a confession of his suspicions.

Shortly before 4 o'clock this morning, one of the Biddles called to James McGeary, who had charge of the outside gates, and asked for some medicine for cramps. He said he wanted it in a hurry, as his brother was dangerously sick. McGeary hastened to the cell, when John Biddle sprang through the opening cut in the bars, and, seizing him around the waist, hurled him around the railing to the stone floor beneath, a distance of sixteen feet.

Edward Biddle joined his brother immediately, and both, with drawn revolvers, hurried to the first floor, where they met Guard Reynolds and shot him.

Only three men were on duty. The third was in one of the upper ranges. The murderer ordered him down and then put all three in dungeons, taking away the keys of the jail. Prisoners in the other cells who could not interfere or give an alarm watched the escape. The Biddles went to the wardrobe, where the guards keep their clothing, and each put on a new suit. They then unlocked the outside gates and passed out into Ross street.

Injured Men Will Recover. The escape was not discovered until daylight, when the relief guards came on duty at 6 o'clock. The prisoners told them where the night guards had been put, and they soon released them. The injured men probably will recover.

For several months preceding the Kahney murder during burglaries were of almost nightly occurrence. The police seemed powerless to prevent them, and nervous citizens retired at night in their homes. On the morning of April 12 last Mrs. Kahney was awakened by burglars and called to her husband, a cripple, who was sleeping in an adjoining room with one of the children.

As he entered the door of his wife's room he was shot dead. The burglars then fled. A few hours later Detective Patrick Fitzgerald and two officers surprised the Biddle brothers at their home on Fulton street, but before they were captured Fitzgerald was killed and Edward Biddle, who shot him, was dangerously wounded.

Walter Dorman, another of the gang, and two women, Jessie Bodine and Jennie Seebers, were also arrested. Dorman turned state's evidence and the two Biddles were convicted and sentenced to be hanged, John on the 14th, but three days before the date set for John's execution they were respited until February 25 and 27 by Governor Stone, so that their case could go before the pardon board at its coming meeting. Dorman is still in jail awaiting sentence. The women were released.

The Warden's Suspicions. District Attorney John C. Haymaker had a conference with Warden Soffel on Monday and the warden told him of his suspicions concerning Mrs. Soffel. The warden has made inquiries at the homes of all his wife's relatives, and he has been unable to find any trace of her. An investigation disclosed 125 that she had taken all of her best clothes with her. The warden's overcoat is also missing. It is reported that the Biddles took a train at the Fourth avenue station of the Pan Handle railroad, which is within a block of the jail, and left for the West. Warden Soffel is broken hearted. He is completely unreserved, and with difficulty could repress his tears. It has been known for several weeks that Mrs. Soffel was taking an interest in the Biddles, and it is said

that she frequently furnished them with quantities outside their usual prison fare. The county commissioners met this afternoon and offered a reward of \$5,000 for the recapture of the murderers. A report is current that the Biddles escaped from the city along the Pittsburgh and Western railroad. Scores of people at Etna, Pine Creek and Sharpshurg claim to have seen them. Whether they caught a train is not known.

The friends of Mrs. Soffel believe that she could not have been in her right mind when she aided in the escape of the Biddles. For some years she has been an invalid, and about one year ago she was sent to a sanitarium. She came back very much improved, but the long and painful illness is believed to have weakened her mind.

Her husband devoted time and money for the relief of the sufferings of his wife, but it is said that she never has fully recovered her health and at times was melancholy.

Warden Peter K. Soffel, in discussing the escape of the Biddles to-day in the office of the jail said:

"I believe my wife furnished the weapons to the Biddles and assisted them to escape. This is an awful thing. My wife was only telling the whole truth. My wife was not in bed when I was awakened this morning and I have not seen her since. She is gone—God only knows where. I said I would lay everything bare and I am doing it. This is the worst blow of all, but I believe it is true. I did not suspect her and hence was off my guard. But she is gone and the suspicion of assisting in the delivery by furnishing weapons rests upon her."

He broke down and wept when speaking of his wife's actions. "Think of my children," he said, "their future will be blighted. I would rather have died than come to this. To think that my wife, the last person in the world whom I would suspect, should do so."

Mr. Soffel has two girls, 15 and 12 years of age, and two boys, 10 and 7 years.

Warden Soffel Removed. The prison board began an investigation this afternoon and announced upon adjournment tonight that Warden Soffel, at his own request, had been removed from duty pending the result of the investigation. Deputy Warden Marshall was placed in charge temporarily. Nothing else was given out. James Francis Burke and J. D. Watson, the attorneys who defended the Biddles at the trial and the former of whom was instrumental in securing their release, have announced that their connection with the case is ended, and Attorney Burke has telegraphed the governor that the application for a hearing before the pardon board is withdrawn.

Up to a late hour tonight not the slightest clue as to the whereabouts of any of the fugitives has been discovered.

The Biddles at Cleveland. Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Edward and John Biddle, the men who escaped from the Pittsburgh jail to-day, are well known by the Cleveland police. They are in the company of a large number of daring burglars in this city.

Edward Biddle has served in the Ohio penitentiary and at the Indiana penitentiary, at Michigan City.

"There are several charges of burglary and larceny against the men in this city," said Chief of Police Corbett to-day. They are also wanted at Erie, Pa., and a number of other places. The Biddle brothers are bad men. They are probably the most daring burglars that are known in the profession to-day. A man's life is nothing to them and they will take long chances for small sums. Cleveland, Jan. 30.—Pennsylvania railroad officials have notified the Cleveland police that it is believed the escaped murderers have secured railroad uniforms and are probably traveling as railway employes. It is added that the men are armed to the teeth, and will no doubt fight desperately when an attempt is made to recapture them.

GOVERNOR STONE'S VISITOR. The Mysterious Woman Pleading for Biddles Was Not Mrs. Soffel.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 30.—A mysterious woman recently called upon Governor Stone and pleaded with him to pardon the Biddle brothers, who escaped this morning from the Pittsburgh jail. The woman was about 22 years of age, was dressed in the height of fashion and made a special request for the governor not to disclose her name. The executive declined to pardon the brothers, but afterward granted them a respite that their case might be heard by the board of pardons next Wednesday on application for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

When the governor learned that it was reported that Mrs. Soffel, wife of the prison warden, may have been the woman who visited him, he gave out a statement denying that his visitor was Mrs. Soffel. His statement follows:

The lady who called upon me was not Mrs. Soffel and had no possible connection with her. She is a lady of respectability in Pittsburgh, who came merely out of sympathy from reading the news of the escape of the prisoners. She did not wish her name disclosed. To give her name would expose her and her family to an unpleasant and unnecessary notoriety. Any information desired by the district attorney will be given to him in confidence. William A. Stone.

Bill to Create State of Oklahoma. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—Senator Pittman today introduced a bill providing for the union of Oklahoma and Indian territory and their admission into the union as a state to be called Oklahoma.

ARMY AND NAVY RECEPTION.

One of the Most Brilliant of the Season at the White House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The last of the state levees, the reception in honor of the army and navy, was given at the white house tonight by President and Mrs. Roosevelt. It was one of the most largely attended of the season. The decorations of the parlors was very effective. Mrs. Roosevelt's gown was of heavy spangled net over blue tulle. She wore a diamond necklace and three blue ostrich tips. Throughout the evening the Marine band played patriotic airs. Among those behind the line were the members of the cabinet and their ladies, the only cabinet absentee being Secretary Hay, former Attorney General and Mrs. Gage. Statesmen included Miles, Commander and Mrs. Cowley, the members of the Supreme court, General and Mrs. Brooke and General and Mrs. Merritt.

PRINCE HENRY IS READING ABOUT US

Most of His Time at Present Is Spent in Studying the Manners and Customs of Americans.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Jan. 30.—Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia is maintaining unusual privacy at the Schloss, and spending much of his time reading about the United States. He has received many invitations as he can, his only engagement before his departure for Kiel being that to attend the dinner in his honor to be given January 31 by Count Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor.

Prince Henry is using every opportunity to meet well-informed Americans and to talk with them concerning the United States. An American to whom the prince has granted an audience today describes Prince Henry as pleasant mannered and very intelligent.

"I was surprised to see how thoroughly and systematically the emperor's brother is informing himself about America," said this American. "He looks forward to his trip with the keenest anticipation of enjoyment and instruction. I find him to be less interested in processions and external displays than in the men he expects to meet. He says he wants to meet American men, to talk with them and learn to understand America. Prince Henry is a man of great energy and initiative. He has been the dream of my life to visit the United States, and this trip comes now like a gift from heaven."

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SAMPSON RETIRED.

Captains P. H. Cooper and Geo. H. Wadleigh Will Be Advanced to Grade of Rear Admiral.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The navy department to-day issued an order announcing that Rear Admirals Williams T. Sampson and E. J. Connelley will be placed on the retired list on the 9th proximo on account of age. Admiral Sampson is now in this city on furlough orders, his health having compelled his relinquishment of active duties several months ago. Admiral Connelley is in command of the European station. These retirements will result in the promotion of Captain P. H. Cooper and George H. Wadleigh to the grade of rear admirals.

AID FOR FAMILY OF DYNAMITE VICTIM.

Rapid Transit Tunnel Contractors Subscribe \$3,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—The contractors who are building the rapid transit tunnel met today and subscribed \$3,000 to be used for the benefit of the wife and family of William Tubbs, master mechanic, who lost his life in the explosion of Monday while endeavoring to put out the flames at the dynamite house. Similar action was taken at a meeting of the executive committee of the Rapid Transit Subway Construction company.

Statue of Charles Decorated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Jan. 30.—The statue of King Charles I at Charing Cross, was decorated with wreaths in the customary manner today, this being the anniversary of the beheading of that monarch. The most noticeable wreath, which was sent from Edinburgh, was inscribed: "Sacred to the memory of King Charles the First, beheaded by his rebellious subjects at White Hall, January 30, 1649."

Aldermen Cannot Regulate Traffic.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—Corporation Council River today decided that the board of aldermen had no authority to pass a resolution requiring the establishment of a black signal system on the New York Central tunnel. Furthermore, he said, the board of aldermen had no power over the regulation of traffic on the road.

Hotel People Should Be Vaccinated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—Health Commissioner Leche sent a letter to all hotel proprietors in Greater New York advising them to have all of their employes vaccinated with smallpox. This step was advised "in view of the extensive prevalence of small-pox in this and neighboring cities."

African War Casualty List.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Jan. 30.—The war office's casualty list issued tonight shows that in a hitherto unreported engagement at Abrahams Kraal, near Koff's fontein, Orange River colony, January 28, Colonel L. E. D. Moutin, of the Sussex regiment, and eight men were killed and seven men were wounded.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—Arrived: Oceanic, Lima-panama; Columbia, Naples; La Champey, Havre. Arrived: La Savoie, New York. Quarters-arrived: Germanic, New York.

COMMENT IN SCHLEY CASE

The Features of the Appeal Are Reviewed by Mr. Lemly and Mr. Hanna.

ADMIRAL CONDEMNED ON IMPORTANT POINTS

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HOWARD FOUND GUILTY.

Life Imprisonment Fixed for Assassination of William Goebel.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 30.—The jury in the case of Jim Howard on trial for the assassination of William Goebel, returned a verdict of guilty against the prisoner and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment.

GRAVE MATTERS IGNORED.

The commentators charge that Admiral Schley now ignores all these grave matters and bases his appeal upon unimportant features of the case as compared with the grave matters above referred to. "upon which there was not and, in the face of testimony, should not be a willingness to entertain any such a difference of opinion in the court."

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DEATHS OF A DAY.

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—Arrived: Oceanic, Lima-panama; Columbia, Naples; La Champey, Havre. Arrived: La Savoie, New York. Quarters-arrived: Germanic, New York.

fluence other ships. All the captains had been advised of the plan of battle and all "closed" accordingly, without waiting or looking for signals from the Brooklyn, and paid no attention to this signal, which, as above stated, was not sent except from the Oregon, and not from that ship until after all vessels had closed up. It is even more surprising, but it appears to be a fact, that Admiral Schley issued no further fleet order during the progress of the battle.

The commentators next state: "If Commodore Schley was in absolute command during the battle, and if he made any use of his authority, he must have exercised some control over some of the vessels participating therein, whereupon they take up in detail the testimony of the commanding officers on this point and say: 'Wainwright, of the Gloucester, said he saw no orders from the Brooklyn; Taylor, of the Indiana, did he saw no signals from the Brooklyn; Evans, of the Albatross, said he saw no signals from the Brooklyn.'"

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION IS ORGANIZED

Executive Committee Elected—Temporary Home for the Society Is Secured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The Carnegie Institution completed its organization to-day by the election of the following executive committee: Secretary of War Ellul Root, Dr. J. S. Billings, Carroll D. Wright, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell and Dr. C. D. Walcott. Dr. Gilman, president of the institution, reported that a house, No. 1429 K street, in this city, had been secured for a temporary home for the institution. The erection later of a building in this city is contemplated. Judge Morrow, of California, offered a resolution acknowledging the gift, which was adopted.

Dr. Gilman spoke at some length explaining the scope and purposes of the gift. The next meeting of the trustees will be held at the headquarters of the institution here next November.

DEPUTIES IN A ROW.

The Brussels Chamber the Scene of a Free Fight.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brussels, Jan. 30.—The chamber of deputies here was the scene of a free fight today between the Socialists and Catholics. The trouble grew out of a proposition to prosecute M. Smeets, a Socialist, for a recent revolutionary speech. The disorder began in the galleries when the speaker was charged with having after the uproar was continued on the floor.

MURDER OF MARY J. LANCE MAKES A SCENE WHEN SENTENCED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 30.—John D. Cassels was sentenced this afternoon to be electrocuted during the week of May 4 for the murder of Mrs. Mary J. Lance, in Long Meadow, Feb. 25, 1900. A Canada woman, Anna, after sentence was pronounced and he doubted: "May God curse every man who sent me to the chair." He was hurried out of court.

IVANHOE BURNED OUT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bonhoe, Va., Jan. 30.—The little town of Ivanhoe, in Wylie county, was almost entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. The stores of J. W. Miller, E. H. Hodder, J. C. Lawson, William & Co., a new brick building just completed and intended for a bank; two grocery stores, the postoffice and several dwellings were burned. The money value of the losses has not yet been located.

TROLLEY CAR SHED DESTROYED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—The car shed of the Paterson Electric Railway company in Passaic, N. J., was destroyed by fire today. All the cars in the shed, thirty in number, were burned. The cars destroyed were mostly those used in the summer traffic and were stored in the shed for the winter. The loss was \$20,000.

MR. SCHWAB WON'T TALK.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 30.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, was seen here today in connection with the Wall Street rumor that he had resigned the presidency of that concern. He refused to comment on any thing. He repeated emphatically: "I won't say anything."

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MEASURE TO REDUCE WAR REVENUE TAX

Bill Prepared Which Will Go Into Effect on July 1, 1902—Annual Reduction \$77,000,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The ways and means committee, by unanimous vote, instructed Chairman Payne to prepare a bill repealing all the war revenues except the tax on mixed flour. The action taken was in the form of a resolution to the effect that the bill should provide for the repeal of all remaining war taxes, to take effect on July 1, 1902, except that the repeal of the duty on tea should go into effect Jan. 1, 1903. The only division in committee was on amendments proposed by Democratic members. Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, proposed an amendment to put trust-made articles on the free list.

This was defeated by a party vote, as was the amendment of Representative Robertson, of Louisiana, to continue the tax on "buckeye shops." Representative Newlands, of Nevada, offered two amendments, one exempting from the repeal the tax on petroleum and a sugar refinery, and another imposing a tax of one-tenth of one percent on the gross receipts of any industry. The total reduction would be \$1,000,000 annually. Both amendments were defeated by party votes.

The reduction on fermented liquor will amount to sixty cents per barrel; that on tobacco and snuff will be three cents; bringing the rate back to six cents per pound as before the war. The rate on cigars and cigarettes was changed last year, but the further change now made will bring the rates back to those existing prior to the war. The repeal under Schedule B will include the tax of one cent per pound on bottles of beer and two cents on bottles of a pint.

The rate on beer, now \$1.60 per barrel, will be brought down to \$1. The present tea duty is ten cents per pound and this will be repealed. Chairman Payne made a statement showing that the total reduction would be \$77,000,000 annually. The delay by the repeal of the tax on tea is for the purpose of enabling those who have stocks on hand to dispose of them before the repeal takes effect. Mr. Payne says the country will start upon the next fiscal year with \$174,000,000 available cash.

SILOAN PLEADS GUILTY.

Kidnapper's Trial Comes to an Abrupt Ending at Philadelphia. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 30.—Howard K. Sloan who was yesterday placed on trial charged with robbing Mabel Kearns, alias Mabel Goodrich, a notorious woman, today withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty. The trial was thus brought to an abrupt termination after several witnesses for the prosecution had been examined.

Am Knight Finley, Henry E. Wallard, Jr., and Oscar Dunlap, Sloan's alleged accomplices, will be tried at the February term of court. There are numerous indictments against the prisoners, including besides the robbery charges, those of conspiracy, abduction and assault and battery. The defendants are charged with abducting Mrs. Kearns, ex Goodrich, holding her person in a house and robbing her of \$2,000, \$500 and money to the amount of several hundred dollars.

McKEEVER COMMITS SUICIDE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—John McKeever, who, with his brother, Alexander, owned the Colonial hotel, fell to his death from the top of the hotel today, having committed suicide, using a revolver. He registered at the hotel under an assumed name and it was only through a coincidence, in which he gave his home address that his identity was discovered. Mr. McKeever was prominent in Democratic circles.

PENNSYLVANIA TOPICS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations of Pennsylvania (nominatees): H. F. Hawkley, Beaver Falls; W. D. Allison, West Newton; J. J. Zwick, Mount Pleasant; George Bonham, Lewis; P. E. Hunsinger, Christiansburg; William J. Leach, Falls Creek; J. B. Robinson, Jamestown.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The following fourth class Pennsylvania postmasters were appointed today: Bartley Hall, Lycoming county; J. E. Hunter, Putnamville, Armstrong county; B. H. Patsy, Sagon, Northumberland county; G. M. Cline, Lewisburg.

Harrisburg, Jan. 30.—W. E. Chestnut, of Brookville, was today appointed by Governor Stone sheriff of Jefferson county, Vice J. M. Chestnut, resigned.

Harrisburg, Jan. 30.—Levan Stover, aged 23 years, of Leeburg, died today at the Harrisburg hospital. Stover was a Philadelphia and Reading railroad trainman and was found in a dying condition this morning in a caboose in the Harrisburg yards. He was quickly removed to the hospital and died.

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Early in the session a bill was passed for the protection of the lives of miners in the territories. It provides that in every mine over 100 feet in depth mine owners be required to provide 5,500 cubic feet of pure air for every 50 miners.

Mr. Lacy (Iowa), the author of the bill, urged the importance of proper ventilation of coal mines. He offered an amendment providing that the managers of coal mines should employ shot drills to fire shots through the roof of the mine. The amendment was not adopted. The bill was being discussed something of a stir was caused by the appearance of officers and marines of the German cruiser Moltke who marched into the public gallery in uniform and accompanied with their side arms. The confusion was so pronounced that the speaker was obliged to call the house to order.

SENATE IN SESSION.

Today's session of the senate was entirely devoid of the tumultuous scenes which characterized the sessions of the past three days. After the Philippine tariff measure was taken up, Mr. Tillman delivered a speech, devoted almost entirely to the discussion of the part his state took in the war for the independence of the states. Incidentally he referred occasionally to the pending bill repealing the war taxes, but to the benefit of the majority that they might be applied to the Philippines.

In opening his address, Mr. Tillman said he desired to continue the discussion of "the very interesting historical subject which had been brought to the attention of the senate by Mr. Money (Mississippi). He would have had something to say about the matter yesterday had not Mr. Lodge employed what he considered ungracious tactics. These tactics were supplemented by other Republican senators, he said, and "my brilliant young friend from Indiana (Mr. Beveridge) leaned into the arena and charged the minority with conspiracy and obstruction."

"The Philippine tariff bill," he continued, "is very important from the standpoint of those who propose to pursue relentlessly and remorselessly the present Philippine policy, although the senator from Utah (Mr. Rawlins) has shown that there is now over there plenty of money for the carpet baggers to spend."

Discussing the historical subject raised yesterday, Mr. Tillman said: "I am glad that Massachusetts had one representative in this chamber—even if South Carolina has only one." He interpreted significantly, "who stands steadily for the principles upon which this government was founded." He then entered upon an elaborate account of the part South Carolina took in the war for the independence of the colonies.

While Mr. Tillman was speaking, several senators engaged in conversation among themselves. To this Mr. Tillman objected, because of the interruption, and he requested that those so engaged to retire to the cloak rooms. For once he was, he said, making a speech for home consumption.

"Of course," he said, "the senators on the Republican side are not interested. I could hardly hope to reach on such a subject through the minds and hearts of the calloused majority—the commercialized, money grabbing money loving majority, as